

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 523

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Reverend Johnnie Washington, who has been selected as a role model for the City of El Paso by the *El Paso Times* on the occasion of Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is celebrated annually during the month of March; to honor the vital roles women play in shaping new directions and ideas in society, the national theme of Women's History Month in 2003 is "Women Pioneering the Future"; and

WHEREAS, For its selection of women who serve as role models for the City of El Paso, the *El Paso Times* invited its readers to nominate women who have made a strong impact on their family, their neighborhood, or the entire city; the many deserving women who were selected for this public recognition are genuine trailblazers in a wide variety of fields; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnnie Washington is the founding pastor of Full Gospel Evangelistic Temple; she marched alongside the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and has made a lifelong commitment to fighting for civil rights; she has been an able president of the El Paso branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and has received the association's Trailblazer Award; Reverend Washington is past chairwoman of the El Paso Black Chamber of Commerce and is the recipient of numerous honors, including the city council's Conquistador Award and the county's Paso Del Norte Award; and

WHEREAS, With her many gifts and talents and through her initiative and perseverance, Reverend Washington has set a lasting standard for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Her worthy accomplishments and her pioneering spirit truly make Reverend Washington an inspiration for all citizens of El Paso and a source of pride for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Reverend Johnnie Washington on her selection as a role model for the City of El Paso; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate